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OF THE  
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## Certificate of Incorporation.

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THIS IS TO CERTIFY that the undersigned have this day united themselves and formed a corporation under the corporate name of

THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF IDAHO PIONEERS.

The Society is formed for benevolent, scientific and historic purposes.

The time of its existence shall be ten years.

There shall be seven Directors, who shall manage the business of said Society, and E. A. Stevenson, John Huntoon, C. W. Moore, H. E. Prickett, John A. Post, H. B. Eastman, Jas. W. Poe, shall be the Directors to manage the business of the Society for the first six months.

The principal place of business of the Society shall be located at Boise City, Ada county, Territory of Idaho.

In witness whereof we have hereunto set our hands, at Boise City aforesaid, this 10th day of February, A. D. 1881.

L. F. CARTEE,  
JOHN HAILEY,  
JAMES W. POE,  
JOHN HUNTOON,  
A. ROSSI,  
H. B. EASTMAN,  
JAMES H. HAWLEY,  
JOHN M. DANSKIN,  
JOHN A. POST,  
FRED. CAMPBELL,  
ISRAEL B. COWEN,  
JAMES HAMMOND HART,  
STEPHEN DEMPSEY,  
H. E. PRICKETT,  
A. L. RICHARDSON,

FRANK R. COFFIN,  
J. H. WICKERSHAM,  
P. J. GILSON,  
EDWARD A. STEVENSON,  
STEPHEN B. DILLEY,  
JOHN S. GRAY,  
HENRY PECK,  
A. EARLY CALLOWAY,  
C. W. MOORE,  
I. W. GARRETT,  
LUTHER P. WILMOT,  
JAMES HENRY HART,  
CYRUS JACOBS,  
MILTON KELLY,  
A. G. REDWAY.

## CERTIFICATE OF INCORPORATION.

TERRITORY OF IDAHO, }  
 COUNTY OF ADA, } ss.

On this 10th day of February, A. D. 1881, before me, A. L. Richardson, Clerk of the Supreme Court of Idaho Territory, personally appeared L. F. Cartee, J. H. Wickersham, John Halley, P. J. Gilson, James W. Poe, Edward A. Stevenson, John Huntoon, Stephen B. Dilley, A. Rossi, John S. Gray, H. B. Eastman, Henry Peck, James H. Hawley, A. Early Calloway, John M. Danskin, C. W. Moore, John A. Post, I. W. Garrett, Fred. Campbell, Luther P. Wilmot, Israel B. Cowen, James Henry Hart, James Hammond Hart, Stephen Dempsey, Cyrus Jacobs, H. E. Prickett, Milton Kelly, A. G. Redway, and Frank R. Coffin, who are personally known to me to be the identical persons described in and who executed the foregoing instrument of writing, and acknowledged to me that they had executed the same freely and voluntarily, and for the uses and purposes therein mentioned.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said Court, the day and year in this certificate above written.

A. L. RICHARDSON,  
 Clerk of the Supreme Court of Idaho.

TERRITORY OF IDAHO, }  
 COUNTY OF ADA, } ss.

On this 10th day of February, A. D. 1881, personally appeared before me, H. E. Prickett, Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of Idaho, A. L. Richardson, who is personally known to me to be the identical person described in and who executed the foregoing instrument of writing, and acknowledged to me that he had executed the same freely and voluntarily, and for the uses and purposes therein mentioned.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand the day and year in this certificate above written,

H. E. PRICKETT,  
 Associate Justice.

# Constitution.

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## ARTICLE I.

### NAME AND OBJECT.

This Society shall be known as "THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF IDAHO PIONEERS." It is designed to be a benevolent, scientific and historic association, and its objects are:

To cultivate social intercourse, form a more perfect union among its members, and create a fund for charitable purposes in their behalf.

To collect and preserve information connected with the early settlement and subsequent history of the country.

To form a library and cabinet, and preserve such literary and scientific objects as the Board of Directors or Trustees may from time to time determine, and in all appropriate matters to advance the interests and perpetuate the memory of those whose sagacity, energy and enterprise induced them to settle in the wilderness and develop the resources of the Territory.

## ARTICLE II.

The Society shall be composed of those who left their former homes to settle in good faith in Idaho Territory prior to July 4, 1864, and the male descendants of all such, who were members, shall be eligible. Honorary members may be admitted without these qualifications, in accordance with such provisions as may be made in the By-Laws.

## ARTICLE III.

Any person, duly qualified, desiring to become a member of this Society shall be proposed and balloted for in a manner to be prescribed in the By-Laws; and any person who shall have been once balloted for and rejected shall not again be proposed for membership within three months from the date of said rejection.

## ARTICLE IV.

Each person, on admission, shall pay such fee as shall be prescribed by the By-Laws; and all funds arising therefrom, or from monthly dues, or from donations (unless said donations are given for other specific purposes), shall, after the current expenses of the Society have been paid, be devoted solely to the purposes for which, in Article I., it is declared that this Society is instituted.

## ARTICLE V.

The officers of the Society shall consist of a President, five Vice Presidents, a Secretary, an Assistant Secretary, a Treasurer, a Marshal and a Board of Directors or Trustees, to consist, including the President, of seven members, all of which officers (except three of the Vice Presidents) and a majority of the Board of Directors or Trustees, shall be residents of Boise City.

## ARTICLE VI.

Stated meetings of the Society, for the transaction of business, shall be held on the third Tuesday of each month, and special meetings at such other times as the President shall deem necessary. The annual meeting of the Society, for the election of officers, shall be held on the Monday succeeding the second Tuesday of September in each year, and at such meeting the annual report of the officers of the Society shall be made.

## ARTICLE VII.

The officers of the Society shall be elected by ballot, and shall hold office for one year and until their successors are elected and qualified.

## ARTICLE VIII.

The Board of Directors or Trustees shall meet for business at least once in each month, and a majority of the Board may fill any vacancies which may occur in its own body. A majority of the Trustees must be present in order to form a quorum for the transaction of business. The President shall be a member of the Board. The Society shall enact By-Laws for its government; and it shall be competent for it to alter or amend any such By-Laws, by a two-thirds vote, when there are not less than twenty present, and not otherwise; PROVIDED, That the Board of Directors shall in no case have



power to expend or create an indebtedness of more than one thousand dollars, in the aggregate, over and above the current expenses of the Society, in any one year, without a two-thirds vote to that effect of the Society, when there are no less than twenty members present.

#### ARTICLE IX.

This Constitution shall not be altered or amended unless by a vote of two-thirds of the members present at a stated meeting, at which time there shall not be less than twenty members present; and all such alterations and amendments shall be proposed at some meeting at least one month prior to such stated meeting, and shall be posted in a conspicuous place in the office of the Secretary at least fifteen days prior thereto. But it shall not be in the power of this Society to alter the qualifications for membership named in Article II. of this Constitution.

#### ARTICLE X.

The President shall preside at all meetings of the Society and of the Board of Directors, and shall determine the order of business in each. He shall strictly enforce the provisions of the Constitution, By-Laws and the Standing Rules and Orders, and shall see that all officers and committees perform their respective duties. He shall sign all laws, resolutions and orders passed by the Board of Directors. He shall neither make nor second any motion or resolution, nor take part in any debate, while in the chair. He shall inspect and announce the result of all balloting or other votings by the Society. Any Vice President, in the absence of the President, shall exercise the same power and authority as President.

#### ARTICLE XI.

The Secretary shall keep correct minutes of all the proceedings of the Society and Board of Directors; shall record its By-Laws, rules and ordinances in a book to be kept solely for such purpose; shall preserve a register of the names of the members, and keep a correct account thereof, and shall collect and pay over to the Treasurer all moneys due the Society; he shall be responsible for the safe keeping of all the books and papers belonging to the Society, excepting those of the Treasurer; he shall certify all accounts and records, under the direction of the Board of Directors, and shall countersign all orders on the Treasurer signed by the President; he

shall make reports of his accounts at such times as may be required by the Board of Directors; shall report the name of each member in arrears to the Society immediately preceding the election of officers, and shall be exempt from the payment of dues and serving on committees; he shall, whenever directed by the President, give the members and Board of Directors proper notice of all meetings, and shall perform the duties of Corresponding Secretary; he shall be ex-officio Librarian of the Society; shall receive and preserve all books, maps, pamphlets, records, magazines, etc., which may be purchased for or donated or loaned to the Society, and be responsible for the same, and shall keep a record of the names of such donors; he shall also perform such other duties as may be assigned him by the Board of Directors, and shall give such bonds for the faithful performance of his duties as may be ordered by the Board.

#### ARTICLE XII.

The Treasurer shall keep a book in which he shall record all receipts and disbursements, and shall report annually, or at such periods as the Board of Directors may require; he shall pay no moneys without an order signed by the President and countersigned by the Secretary. At the expiration of his term of office he shall deliver all books, papers, moneys, vouchers and other property belonging to the Society, in his possession, into the hands of his successor, and shall give such bonds for the faithful performance of his duties as may be ordered by the Board of Directors.

#### ARTICLE XIII.

The Marshal shall form and conduct all public processions of the Society, under the direction of the President, and perform such other duties as pertain to his office.

#### ARTICLE XIV.

The Librarian shall have full charge and control of the rooms occupied by the Society, subject to the direction of the President and Board of Directors.

#### ARTICLE XV.

It shall be the duty of every member of the Society to use all laudable efforts to collect and procure such records, relics, minerals, curiosities, etc., connected with the early history of this Territory,

as may be useful and beneficial to this Association, and to forward the same, together with any information that may be of interest to the Society, to the Secretary, at Boise City.

#### ARTICLE XVI.

The annual celebration of this Society shall take place on the Monday succeeding the second Tuesday in September in each year.

#### ARTICLE XVII.

Members guilty of misconduct may, upon conviction (after a proper investigation), be expelled, suspended, fined or reprimanded, by a vote of two-thirds of the members present at any stated meeting; PROVIDED, there be not less than twenty members present; and any officer of this Society may be removed from office by the Board of Directors for such cause as, in its opinion, may be deemed sufficient; PROVIDED, That such proceeding shall have no effect until it is confirmed by a two-thirds vote of all the members (there being not less than twenty) present at a stated meeting

## By-Laws.

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SECTION 1. Each person petitioning for membership shall be proposed by two members of the Society, and he shall deposit with his petition the sum of five dollars as his admission fee; and after being notified of his election and before being admitted, he shall make a statement showing his place of birth and the date thereof, his residence and occupation, and the day, month and year of his departure from his former home to settle in Idaho; the date of his arrival in the Territory, and a synopsis of the main incidents of his life, which statement shall be signed by him, with his full name; and the Secretary shall, upon receipt thereof, file the same and affix the full name of such person to the Constitution and By-Laws, and make a memorandum of the dates and facts contained in such statement.

SEC. 2. Every member of this Society shall pay into its treasury five dollars per annum; and any member who shall neglect to pay the same at the expiration of each year, shall be liable to be stricken from the roll of membership. But any member so stricken from the roll, upon the payment of all arrearages, shall by that act be restored.

SEC. 3. Any member who shall be in arrears for dues for more than one year shall be ineligible to office, and shall not be entitled to vote at any meeting, or to enjoy the honors of this Society in any manner.

SEC. 4. On the payment of fifty dollars by any member, he shall be released from all further payment of dues, and shall be constituted a life member of the Society.

SEC. 5. Any person who shall become a member fraudulently, by falsifying the statement required by Section 1 of these By-Laws, may be expelled from the Society by a vote of two-thirds of the members present at any stated meeting.

SEC. 6. All balloting for membership shall be taken at a stated

meeting of the Society, and it shall require two-thirds of the votes cast to elect. If the candidate is rejected, the money deposited shall be returned. If he be elected, the Secretary shall notify him thereof.

SEC. 7. The Society may, by a two-thirds vote at any stated meeting, elect as honorary members such persons only as have rendered important services to the Society or the Territory; but no person shall be so elected unless he has, at some time, resided in the Territory; and such person shall be entitled to all the privileges of the Society, except the right to vote and hold office.

SEC. 8. The Board of Directors shall fix the amount and approve the bonds of the Secretary and Treasurer, which bonds shall be placed in the possession of the President for safe keeping, and shall determine the compensation to be paid to the Secretary.

SEC. 9. The order of business shall be as follows:

1. Reading, correction and approval of the minutes of the preceding meeting.

2. Reading of the proceedings of the Board of Directors.

3. Election of new members.

4. Reports of standing committees.

5. Reports of special committees.

6. Notices, motions and resolutions.

SEC. 10. The President shall preserve order and decorum, may speak to questions of order in preference to other members, and shall decide questions of order, subject to an appeal to the Society by any two members. He shall have a general direction of the hall. He shall have the right to call any member to perform the duties of the Chair, but such substitution shall not extend beyond an adjournment. There shall be such standing committees appointed by the Chair as the Society shall, from time to time, determine, and the members thereof shall hold their offices during the pleasure of the President.

SEC. 11. The rules of parliamentary practice shall govern the Society in all cases to which they are applicable, and in which they are not inconsistent with the Constitution and By-Laws of the Society.

## Prospectus.

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The Historical Society of Idaho Pioneers has for its primary object that of gathering statistics, concerning the early settlement of the Territory, together with whatever can be learned from any source or communicated through any channel, touching subsequent events, with the view of laying the foundation for a history of Idaho. Prominent among these sources of information will be that of the early recollections and personal reminiscences of the first settlers and pioneers. To this end, the Association earnestly requests the aid and co-operation of all the enrolled members of the Association, as well as that of all others who may be induced to take an interest in the subject.

Another object of the Association is to afford the pioneers opportunities of meeting together from time to time, when the friendly interchange of personal experiences and recollections of past events and past scenes will tend to bind them together more strongly by the renewal of those ties of genuine brotherhood which distinguished them as co-actors and co-workers during their early struggles in the task of conquering the wilderness to civilization.

It is also the desire and intention of the Association to collect specimens of ore from the principal mines of each mining district in the Territory, together with fossils or whatever other natural curiosities or objects of interest that may be obtainable, for the purpose of forming a cabinet, which will serve as an attraction to visitors, and tend to diffuse a knowledge of the resources of the Territory. In furtherance of this purpose, the members of the Association, miners, and all other persons who feel an interest in making Idaho known to the world, are cordially and earnestly invited to lend their aid by collecting and sending whatever specimens they may be able to obtain.

A rule of the Association requires each member to furnish the

Secretary with a biographical sketch, to embrace the nativity and age of a member and the time of his coming to Idaho. These sketches may be brief or extended, at the option of the writer, but it will add to the riches and interest of the archives if the sketches contain accounts of the writer's connection or association with important events connected with the early settlements of the Northwest, and particularly whatever relates to the settlement and subsequent history of Idaho.

The interest and enthusiasm which was manifested during the preliminary meetings held here at the close of the recent session of the Territorial Legislature were naturally taken as evidence that the incorporators were earnestly resolved that, so far as depended upon their efforts, the Association should be a permanent institution, and an enterprise which should be prosecuted to a successful issue. No assurance is needed to make known the fact that they are still animated by the same spirit; in order, however, that the good work so bravely begun shall go on, the prompt and hearty co-operation of their brother pioneers will be necessary. The work is one which, when properly understood and carried out, promises to be fruitful of good results, not alone to those whose names are enrolled as members, but to all the people of the Territory. It is therefore earnestly desired and hoped that all will lend a hand and assist in making the Idaho Pioneer Association what it is the interest of all that it should be—the focus and reflex of Idaho's past, and the harbinger and promoter of Idaho's bright future.











